

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

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The Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California utilizes unpaid interns in many aspects of its work. The Criminal Division is comprised of more than 100 attorneys who prosecute federal criminal offenses committed within the jurisdiction of the Central District of California, which is one of the largest districts in the United States. Assistant United States Attorneys prosecute a broad range of federal crimes, and are divided into several major groups: Terrorism & Organized Crime; Major Frauds; Public Corruption/Government Fraud; Narcotics; Civil Rights; Computer Crime; Environmental Crimes; Appeals; and General Crimes.

Projected No. of Volunteers: 2 - 4 in Fall and Spring; 6 - 8 in Summer

Internship Location(s): Los Angeles, CA

Application Materials: Resume, transcript, legal writing sample, dates when available, and telephone number where student can be reached both during the day and in the evening

Qualifications: First-year (second semester) and second-year law students. **Must be a U.S. citizen.** Will be subject to a background investigation due to the sensitive nature of the work performed by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Application Deadline: For the Summer of 2004: January 16, 2004
For any other time of year, open until filled. Positions are filled on a rolling basis, so applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Minimum Weeks Required: 10 - 12 weeks full-time during Summer
3 full days during Spring and Fall

Salary: Volunteer (without compensation)

Assignments: Drafting parts of or entire district court and appellate briefs; researching discrete issues of law, assisting in the development of discovery, and participating in witness interviews, preparation of trial, and trial itself. Interns are also encouraged to attend court hearings, attorney conferences, trials and appellate arguments before the Ninth Circuit. In addition, interns are exposed to some of the various law enforcement agencies with which the office works through tours and other activities. Second-year students who have successfully completed their school classes in Criminal Law, Evidence and Criminal Procedure are eligible to try petty offense cases in federal court before a federal magistrate judge. These trials pertain to various types of minor criminal offenses, and include opening statements, direct and cross-examination, and closing arguments. The trials are prosecuted solely by student interns under the close supervision of an Assistant United States Attorney.

Web Site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/cac>